

Creating an Alternative Fuel Training Network for Florida

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Overview



Timeline

- Start: September 1, 2015
- End: August 31, 2017
- 50% Complete (No Cost Extension in Process)

Budget

- Total Project Funding
 - DOE: \$600,000
 - Cost Share: \$150,000
- FY16 Funding: \$73,000
- FY17 Funding: \$92,000
- 50% Spent to Date*

Barriers

- Lack of technical experience with new fuels and vehicle technologies
- Consumer reluctance to purchase new technologies.

Partners

- Project Lead
- University of Central Florida Central Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- Collaborators

Southeast Florida, Tampa Bay, and North Florida Clean Cities Coalitions; National Alternative Fuel Training Consortium; North American Towing Academy; FPL, TECO, Duke Energy, JEA; Public and Private Fleets

^{*}including outstanding invoices and encumbered funds (subrecipients)

Project Objectives



- Create and implement high impact and highly innovative approaches to increase the acceptance and deployment of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) through safety related training.
- Establish an AFV training networks for the state of Florida that provides safety and technical training on electric drive, CNG and propane vehicles to current and future emergency first responders, public safety officials, and instructors at educational institutions that prepare the first responder workforce
- Integrate AFV Safety First Responder Training into the curriculum approved by the Florida State Fire Marshall.







Project Objectives



Support of VTP Deployment Goals:

Provide Best Practices, Objective Data, and Informational Materials to Potential End-Users and Communities to Promote Acceptance of Advanced Vehicles and Alternative Fuels



Impact on Barriers



Lack of Technical Experience with New Fuels and Vehicle Technologies

- Enlist support of the Florida State Fire College
- Conduct Train the Trainer Workshops
- Support Fire Fighter Training Workshops
- Support Fire Fighter Recruit Training
- Support Tow Operator Workshops

Consumer Reluctance to Purchase New Technologies

- Engage fleets, dealerships, utilities, and others in providing vehicles for training
- Provide consumer outreach materials to instructors
- Conduct outreach through social media and other outlets
- Host public facing events with information about safety training

Project Approach



Phase I Milestones

- Convene Project Team and Partners
- Identify Training Participants (by Coalition Region)
- Obtain Florida State Fire College Approvals (Participate in FCDICE as Fire Marshall Approved Provider)
- Schedule and Promote Train the Trainer Workshops
- Secure Demonstration Vehicles
- Conduct Training (with NAFTC)
- Enroll Fire Fighter Instructors (Approved by Fire Marshall)
- Assess Training

Go/No-Go: Conduct and Evaluate Train the Trainer Workshops

Project Approach



Phase II Milestones

- Create Directory of First Responder AFV Safety Training Instructors
- Schedule Fire Fighter Workshops
- Secure Demonstration Vehicles
- Conduct Training
- Assess Training
- Conduct Tow Operator Training (with NATA and NAFTC)
- Develop Public Education Toolkit for First Responders (Using Clean Cities Outreach Materials)
- Identify Workforce Board Funding Opportunities (in cooperation with Florida's Workforce Development Boards)

Accomplishments/Progress



- Comprehensive database of Florida's fire departments and public safety training institutions created by Coalition Partners
- Program Approval by Florida State Fire College
 - Educational Provider
 - Train the Trainer Course
 - First Responder Course
 - Instructors





Accomplishments/Progress



- Coalition Partners scheduled and promoted workshops and arranged for demonstration vehicles
- Train the Trainer Workshops completed in each Coalition Region and at the state level
- Workshop evaluations compiled showing high level of satisfaction
- Database of trained instructors created
- Planning in progress for First Responder Workshops taught by trained instructors
- Tow Operator training curriculum coordinated with NAFTC
- Workforce Board opportunities documented

Collaboration/Coordination



Subrecipients and Partners

Project Subrecipients:

- North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition
- Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition
- Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- National Alternative Training Consortium
- North American Towing AcademyProject Partners:
- Florida State Fire College
- General Motors
- TECO
- OUC
- FPL
- Duke Energy
- JEA











Collaboration/Coordination



Fire Departments and Academies:

- Melbourne Fire Department
- Hillsborough Community College
- Broward Fire Academy
- Fire Academy of the South







Food and Vehicle Donations:

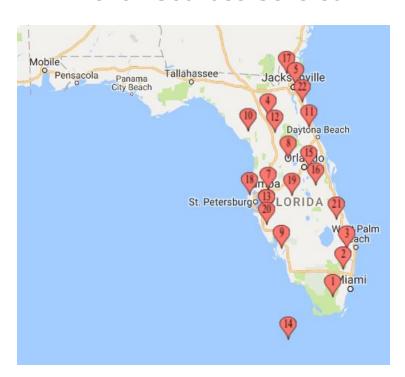
- Firehouse Subs
- Pearson Nissan
- Marion County Fleet
- Broward Schools
- Waste Management
- Waste Pro
- Florida Transportation Systems
- AmeriGas
- Tampa Airport Authority
- Hillsborough County
- St. Johns County
- Jacksonville Transit Authority
- City of Melbourne

Market Impact/Sustainability



Market Impact

- 73 Instructors Trained
- 22 of 67 Counties Covered



Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels.

Future Work/Sustainability

- Coordinate First Responder AFV Safety Workshops on a Regional Basis
- Commence Tow Operator Workshops
- Facilitate Public Engagement
- Track and Assess Training
- Address Skills Gaps and Curriculum Needs
- Identify geographical gaps in training offerings
- Host Training Awards Ceremony at GM Test Track - FPCOT
- Develop sustainability plan to support continued first responder training to include financial assistance through workforce boards and stakeholders; coordination with the Florida State Fire College and Certified Training Providers; and, Coalition outreach activities

Summary



- Established AFV Safety Training Program for Fire Fighters Approved by the Florida State Fire Marshal
- Created a Database of Florida Fire Fighter Training Institutions and Instructors Certified to Teach AFV Safety Training
- Enabled Florida's Clean Cities Coalitions to Facilitate AFV Safety Training Workshops in their Region
- Introduced AFV Safety Training to National Tow Operator Training Organization
- Identified Regional Workforce Development Board Training Funds for Sustainability